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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT ASSAD

REF: STATE DTG 061431Z SEP 78

1. I DELIVERED PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTAINED REFTEL TO DABBOUL, PRESIDENT ASSAD'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, WHO ASSURED ME THAT HE WOULD HAVE IT DELIVERED PROMPTLY TO PRESIDENT ASSAD. I TOLD DABBOUL THAT I HAD HOPED TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT THE MESSAGE PERSONALLY ON THE OFF-CHANCE THAT I WOULD BE PRESENTING MY CREDENTIALS EITHER TODAY OR TOMORROW, BUT SINCE I HAD RECEIVED NO WORD INDICATING THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE A CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT THIS TIME, I WAS DELIVERING THE MESSAGE IN THIS FASHION.

2. DABBOUL CONFIRMED THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD NOT HAVE TIME TO RECEIVE THE WAITING AMBASSADORS BEFORE HIS TRIP TO WEST GERMANY BUT BELIEVED THAT SHORTLY AFTER THE PRESIDENT RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 15 HE WILL RECEIVE US.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF FURTHER DELAY IN PRESENTING CREDENTIALS, I PROPOSE NEXT WEEK TO COMMENCE MY CALLS ON TOP SYRIAN OFFICIALS OUTSIDE THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

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DABBOUL SAYS HE CONSIDERS THIS ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE, ESPECIALLY SINCE I HAVE ALREADY BEEN HERE A MONTH.
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